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The above association has taken a drastic decision concerning matters related to Covid 19 and school attendance. Since the re-opening of schools we have observed that the pandemic has gained momentum and a number of schools have been negatively impacted by covid cases that continue to increase, especially because July is the coldest month of the winter season. It is in that context that we have checked section 15 of the SASA act 84 of 1996 which clearly states that the SGB of a public school is a juristic person and has the legal capacity to sue or be sued. Most of the non -negotiables have not been met or they have been partially met.

We therefore inform you as a communique about the status of our resolution,

We are suspending the teaching and learning in all our schools in Ekurhuleni North and Gauteng East district until 07 September 2020.

We demand proper scanners and well-trained brigades.

We demand extra man power on general workers.

We demand extra educators and classrooms.

We demand proper maintenance and do away with prefab/ mobile classes in all our schools.

We demand proper furniture in all schools that have a shortage of furniture.

We demand proper PPE's for all CS, PS and learners in all schools.

We also inform the GDE that our financial statements are not ready due to disturbances caused by covid 19; therefore, our schools will submit them on the 30 September 2020.